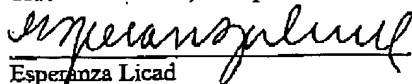


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Dear Sir:

Further to the amendment filed on July 3, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims: 283, 285, 287, 291-296, 298-301, 303-306, 308-311, 316-320, 322-323, 328-329, 331, 333, 335, 337-338, 340, 342 and 344.

Please amend claims 125, 161, 183, 188, 289, 297, 302, 307, 312-315, 321, 324-327, 330, 332, 334, 336, 339, 341, and 343 as shown in the "Version Showing Markings" beginning on page 3 of this paper.